

REMARKS

This Amendment J under Rule 312 seeks to amend claims 1, 8, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, and 56; and to cancel claims 9, 10, 22, 23, and 27. No new matter is being added.

The Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary issued by Examiner Burgess on November 18, 2009 correctly indicates that the Examiner and the undersigned telephonically agreed to certain claim amendments on November 6, 2009. However, Applicants believe that this Rule 312 Amendment is necessary to correct certain items contained in the Examiner's Amendment that was also issued on November 18, 2009, as follows:

1. In claim 1, the Examiner's Amendment fails to indicate that the words "each data packet comprising a content portion, a header, and a trailer," were deleted from the preamble before being moved to the body of claim 1.
2. In claim 1, the Examiner's Amendment fails to indicate that the word "the" is being deleted from the expression "inspect at least the content portions of data packets".
3. In claim 1, the Examiner's Amendment inserted the clause "processing a transaction based on a user response to the DED message". Said clause should contain the word "is" before the word "based".
4. In claim 18, the clause "at least one intermediate DED operable to forward the DED message to a DED closest, within the information network, to the recipient user workstation" should be co-located with the apparatus-type clause "the

information network comprises a plurality of DED's" and not with the method clauses.

5. In each of claims 19, 21, and 25, the Examiner's Amendment fails to indicate that the word "prompt" is being deleted.
6. In claim 26, the Examiner's Amendment fails to indicate that the word "product" is being deleted.
7. In claim 56, the Examiner's Amendment fails to indicate that the word "prompt" was agreed to be deleted, and that the words "DED message" were agreed to be added.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the USPTO enter this Amendment J under Rule 312 in lieu of the Examiner's Amendment mailed November 18, 2009.

Applicants believe that this case is now in condition for allowance, and therefore request an early Notice of Allowance covering all claims remaining herein, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11-19, 21, 24-26, and 54-59 as amended. If there are any residual issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the (new) telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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